

# United States District Court Southern District of Illinois

Michael J. Reagan, Chief United States District Judge  
Justine Flanagan, Acting Clerk of Court



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois encourages lawyers in the district to volunteer their time to assist indigent pro se parties in civil cases. Volunteering to represent an indigent party not only offers hands-on practical litigation experience, it also provides an opportunity for lawyers to get valuable federal court experience.

On **Friday, June 12, 2015**, the district court will host a continuing legal education seminar – “Anatomy of a Prisoner Civil Rights Case” – designed to assist recently appointed attorneys and all attorneys with an interest in civil rights. The seminar will concentrate on an **effective, economical, and efficient** approach for handling these interesting but often challenging cases. This seminar will benefit all attorneys (especially the less experienced in all types of litigation – not just prisoner civil rights cases).

This **free** seminar will be held from **9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the East St. Louis courthouse, 750 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. Lunch will be served, and participants will receive 5.0 hours of MCLE credit (including .5 hours ethics/professionalism credit).

Please register on the court’s website, <http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov>, and identify any particular issues that you would like to have covered at the seminar. Counsel interested in a pro bono appointment can also sign up for the program on the website (under “Attorney Information” then “Pro Bono Volunteers”). Participants are also encouraged to view on-line lectures presented by Jim Chapman at [www.illinoislegaladvocate.org](http://www.illinoislegaladvocate.org) (under “Legal Resources” then “Prisoners’ Rights”) and to review the Prison Litigation Handbook on the Court’s website (under “Attorney Information”).

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Chapman at (312) 593-6998 or the court’s Pro Se Paralegal, Tanya Kelley, at (618) 482-9224 or [Tanya.Kelley@ilsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Tanya.Kelley@ilsd.uscourts.gov).